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HOUSE BILL 268

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998

INTRODUCED BY

LEO C. WATCHMAN JR.

FOR THE INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; EXPANDING LOTTERY TUITION
SCHOLARSHIP PROVISIONS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 21-1-4.3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1996,
Chapter 71, Section 3) is amended to read:

"21-1-4.3. TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS AUTHORIZED- - CERTAIN
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. - -

A. To the extent that funds are made available by
the legislature from the lottery tuition fund, the governing
boards of [~~regents of New Mexico state university, New Mexico~~
~~institute of mining and technology, eastern New Mexico~~
~~university, western New Mexico university, the university of~~
~~New Mexico, New Mexico highlands university and northern New~~
~~Mexico state school] four-year post-secondary educational~~

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1 institutions shall award tuition scholarships for qualified
2 New Mexico resident students attending their respective
3 institutions and branches of those institutions in New Mexico.

4 B. Except as authorized in Subsection C of this
5 section, the tuition scholarships authorized in this section
6 shall apply only to full-time resident students who,
7 immediately upon completion of a high school curriculum at a
8 public or accredited private New Mexico high school or upon
9 receiving a graduate equivalent diploma, are accepted for
10 entrance to and attend [~~one of the state~~] a four-year post-
11 secondary educational [~~institutions set forth in this section~~
12 ~~or one of the branches of those institutions~~] institution.

13 Each tuition scholarship shall be awarded for up to four
14 consecutive years beginning the second semester of the
15 recipient's first year of enrollment, [~~provided that~~] if the
16 recipient has maintained residency in New Mexico and
17 maintained a grade-point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0
18 scale during his first semester of full-time enrollment.

19 C. The tuition scholarships authorized in this
20 section shall also apply to full-time resident students who,
21 immediately upon completion of a high school curriculum at a
22 public or accredited private New Mexico high school or upon
23 receiving a graduate equivalent diploma, attend a two-year
24 [~~public~~] post-secondary educational institution [~~in New~~
25 ~~Mexico~~] and who, upon the completion of that curriculum or at

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1 the end of two years, whichever is sooner, transfer to [~~one of~~
2 ~~the~~] a four-year post-secondary [~~state~~] educational
3 [~~institutions~~] institution [~~set forth in this section~~]. Those
4 students shall be eligible for a tuition scholarship for two
5 consecutive years, [~~provided that~~] if those students maintain
6 residency in New Mexico, maintain a grade-point average of 2.5
7 or higher on a 4.0 scale and attend the institution full time
8 during the regular academic year.

9 D. The commission on higher education shall
10 prepare guidelines setting forth explicit student continuing
11 eligibility criteria and guidelines for administration of the
12 tuition scholarship program. Guidelines shall be distributed
13 to the governing board [~~of regents~~] of each institution to
14 enable a uniform availability of the [~~resident student~~]
15 tuition scholarships.

16 E. As used in this section:

17 (1) "four-year post-secondary educational
18 institution" means New Mexico state university, New Mexico
19 institute of mining and technology, eastern New Mexico
20 university, western New Mexico university, the university of
21 New Mexico, New Mexico highlands university, northern New
22 Mexico state school, any of their branches or any New Mexico
23 branch of an independent nonprofit nonsectarian four-year
24 college or university with a campus located in New Mexico and
25 accredited by the north central accrediting association; and

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11 **Mr. Speaker:**
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13 **Your RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE, to**
14 **whom has been referred**
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19 **has had it under consideration and finds same to be GERMANE**
20 **in accordance with constitutional provisions.**
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22 **Respectfully submitted,**
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R. David Pederson, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 10 For 0 Against

Yes: 10

Excused: Nicely, Ryan, Sanchez, Taylor, J.G., Williams, S.M

Absent: None

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